

WILLAMETTE ROWING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

January 16th, 2021

9:06 AM Meeting called to order by **President Davis Setter**

In attendance:

David S., Sarah C., Michele G., Scott S., Jann B., Jenny & Adam W., John A., Julie & Chuck K., Lindsey G., Fred S., Jeff M., Phoebe S., Hannah R., Steve W., J.P., Jana S.

Joining the in progress meeting:

Richard W., Kim K., Damas G.

Member login

Password: Mimosa

Minutes

Treasurer Report – Michele Gamburd (see Michele’s report for details) Michele shares her screen and she details the financial situation of the team, which is solid. She shares that consulting with Scott, the decision was made to move some of our funds to savings. With that in mind, we have approximately 40k combined. She then offers a thoroughly accounting of the Club’s finances. She suggests, as a result of COVID-19, that we may need to tap our reserves this year.

Annual dues: as of 1-15-21, 14k has been collected. This includes regular and reduced rates for this year.

Expenses: (2020) \$31,881 and (2021) \$33,353.

Insurance: Leonard. Good to work with; we have been given a break as a result of lost time on the water due to COVID-19.

Scott – Erg situation with ORU. He has not been able to reach Plumen. Lindsey suggests contacting Nadia instead.

David moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Lindsey with the second. Approved.

Captain’s Reports – Bill Byrd (Absent), Jenny Withycombe

We are reminded it has been approximately 1 year off the water, but we continue to erg on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sundays as well as augmentation with running, bike rides (w/dinner), Sunday coffee, and now the book club on Sunday afternoons. The silver lining has been getting so many out in singles until recently. Sarah and Jenny are looking into getting back on the water in big boats.

Coach’s Report – Adam Withycombe

Singles this summer and fall, appreciates the opportunity, thanks to Bill & Richard for also coaching the singles group. He thanked all who have stepped up to help with coaching.

The team is reminded by Jann that NW Junior Regionals are scheduled for May 14-16th, and NW Master's Regionals will be June 25-27th. Both regattas will be held at Vancouver Lake, Washington.

Elections – Jann Byrd (committee) & David Setter, President, Michele Gamburd
In keeping with the By-laws of the Willamette Rowing Club, our executive officer is elected to a 3-year term. One year as Vice President, one year as President, and a third year as Past President. This Executive Officer is a voting Board Member for all 3 years.

There are no challengers to any of the 4 positions (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary).

Fred requests time to make a statement to the team. Granted.

David moved to accept the slate as presented with a second by Scott Smith. David calls for the vote. Consensus is unanimous.

Elected for 2021 are:

Sarah Copeland - President (per the by-laws)

Fred Stewart – Elected Vice President

Michele Gamburd – Remains as Treasurer

Jann Byrd – Remains as Secretary

Committee Reports –

Jann Byrd – Nominations

John Rudoff – Safety, Not in attendance. It was suggested we add a sub committee to look at getting back in “big boats”. Sarah offered to investigate rather than add another committee.

Scott Smith – Membership. He mentioned turning people away since we are not currently on the water. Team suggests that does not continue. We have added a few members and currently have 34 members/families. Dues review – of these 34, 9 took advantage of the reduced rate offered. There is interest in sponsoring the **Return to Row** program Sarah Copeland introduced. Erg issue with ORU – Scott will reach out to Nadia to come to a mutual understanding as a result of the failure on their part to honor our usage/purchase agreement this year (the ergs that we purchase to then share were/have been unavailable to WRC this COVID-19 year). The team was asked if anyone wished to borrow an erg at this point from ORU, and the team was made aware that Lake Oswego has a rent to own program (Jann)

Julie King & Hannah Rudoff – Social Media. Steve and Marieta will remain on this committee. Any suggestions for awards are to go to Bill Byrd. Be specific with your nomination.

Richard – Equipment. The Serendipity was sold to Seattle so we have an open rack. We have interest from UP for the wake-less launch.

Michele requests a list of boats and racks for our record keeping – Richard will provide it.

Jenny asks what the plan is for replacing the Serendipity. Do we purchase a mid size (175-180)? Or is there a size that better addresses the needs of the current members? Richard will look for a good used 2X, which should cost between 8K and 12K. Deux 195-200 definitely a heavy weight boat, and the Millie is 155-165 is mid and Lt.Wt. men. Are there smaller members of the team who do not have equipment to meet their racing needs? There are a number of women under the 155 low end of the Millie.

10:39AM David reminds the team of the Book Club gathering on Sunday, then closes the meeting, calls to adjourn. Michele seconds. There was consensus by those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Jann Byrd, WRC Secretary.